Continents and Countries

There are 7 different continents on Earth. These are: Asia, Africa, Europe, Australia, North America, South America and Antarctica. There are 195 countries in the world today. The continent with the most countries is Africa – there are 54!

Oceans

The Earth has 5 oceans: Atlantic, Pacific, Indian, Arctic, and Southern Oceans.

Equator

The equator is an imaginary line in the middle of the Earth. The countries that are close to the equator are hotter and drier because the sun shines on the equator all year round.

Key Vocabulary

• Countries – An area of land with its own government.
• Continents – A very large area of land with countries in them.
• Equator – An imaginary line that circles the earth halfway between the north and south poles. It faces the sun all year round.
• Oceans – A constant area of water that covers most (70%) of the earth’s surface.
• Population – The number of people living in a country.
• Border – Where one country meets another.
• UK (United Kingdom) – An island made up of four countries – England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.